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9	BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS		
10	STATE OF CAL	IFORNIA	
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2010 - 393	
13	EMMANUEL PILI MASTRILI 1775 Newport Drive	ACCUSATION	
14	Yuba City, California 95993		
15	Registered Nurse License No. 641507		
16	Respondent.		
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18	Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") alleges:		
19	PARTIES		
20	1. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Interim		
21	Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"), Department of Consumer		
22	Affairs.		
23	2. On or about July 27, 2004, the Board issued Registered Nurse License Number		
24	641507 to Emmanuel Pili Mastrili ("Respondent"). The license will expire on or about		
25	May 31, 2010, unless renewed.		
26	STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS		
27	3. Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 2750 provides, in pertinent part		
28	that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an		

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inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.

4. Code section 2761 states, in pertinent part:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (1) Incompetence, or gross negligence in carrying out usual certified or licensed nursing functions."
 - 5. Code section 2762 states, in pertinent part:

"In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act], it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do the following:

- (e) Falsify, or make grossly incorrect, grossly inconsistent, or unintelligible entries in any hospital, patient, or other record pertaining to the substances described in subdivision (a) of this section."
 - 6. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1442, states:

"As used in Section 2761 of the code, 'gross negligence' includes an extreme departure from the standard of care which, under similar circumstances, would have ordinarily been exercised by a competent registered nurse. Such an extreme departure means the repeated failure to provide nursing care as required or failure to provide care or to exercise ordinary precaution in a single situation which the nurse knew, or should have known, could have jeopardized the client's health or life."

7. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1443, states:

"As used in Section 2761 of the code, 'incompetence' means the lack of possession of or the failure to exercise that degree of learning, skill, care and experience ordinarily possessed and exercised by a competent registered nurse as described in Section 1443.5."

COST RECOVERY

8. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On or about July 2, 2007, Respondent worked as a registered nurse at Rideout 9... Memorial Hospital ("Rideout") located in Marysville, California, and was caring for R.T., a 46-year-old male patient with a significant medical history. R.T. had been admitted to Rideout on July 1, 2009, with a diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction. R.T. had been transferred from another hospital to Rideout for further evaluation and cardiac intervention if necessary. On or about July 2, 2007, at approximately 2220 hours, R.T. went into third degree heart block and the cardiologist was notified. At approximately 2400 hours, Respondent notified Dr. Fraiser (nephrology) by telephone of R.T.'s hypotension with a systolic blood pressure in the 70's. Dr. Fraiser gave Respondent verbal medication orders for administration of albumin and saline, with instructions to contact the on-call cardiologist. The next vitals recorded by Respondent were at 0400 hours on July 3, 2007. R.T. continued in third degree heart block throughtout the night. Rhythm strips show multiple periods of asystole greater than six seconds. R.T. did not receive care until the day shift arrived at 0600 hours wherein R.T. was found slumped over semi comatose and in third degree heart block with a ventricular escape rhythm in the twenties. R.T. was transferred to the intensive care unit and died on July 7, 2007.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Incompetence)

10. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2761(a)(1), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that on or about July 2, 2007, while employed as a registered nurse at Rideout Memorial Hospital, Marysville, California, he was incompetent in the following respects:

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PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 641507, issued to Emmanuel Pili Mastrili;
- 2. Ordering Emmanuel Pili Mastrili to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and,
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED:	2	1221	10	

Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN Interim Executive Officer

Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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